

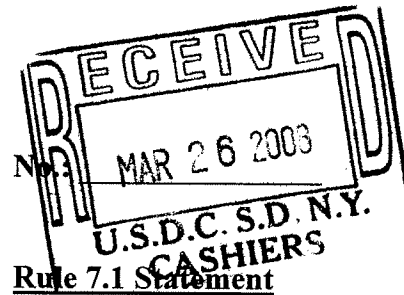
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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: KEVIN PITCHER, :  
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: Plaintiff, :  
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: :  
: -against- :  
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: MERCK & CO., INC., :  
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: Defendant. :  
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Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and to enable judges and magistrate judges of the court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned attorneys of record for Defendant Merck & Co., Inc. certify that it has no parent companies and is not aware of any beneficial owner of more than ten percent of its Common Stock.

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Respectfully submitted,

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